

THE REDEEMER

SERMONETTE

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service. Romans 12:1

What a challenge this verse can be to each one of us! Many times we have a feeling of inadequacy, of unworthiness to do the task that is set before us. Discouraged and worn, we fall aside. It is in these moments that we must realize more than ever that we are God's chosen vessels, and we have a great responsibility which lies ahead of us--that of the building of His Kingdom. Thus, we must, in our finite selves "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service."

A Christian life is not a smooth-going, easy life, but oh, what an abundant life it is! In running this Christian race, we have to overcome many obstacles and hardships. And just as Simon, a Cyrenian and the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was just passing by, was compelled to bear his Cross on the day of the Crucifixion of our Lord, we, too, find ourselves in the same situation. As we go forth out into the bright new day, the clouds begin to roll in, and we realize then, that we, too, must bear our Cross for our Master. At times we feel that the trials and the burdens would almost crush us, but if we run with patience the race that is set before us, we shall receive the "Crown of Life" when we reach our goal.

Dear Friends, we may feel that we are small and helpless, and unable to do great things for Him. The Lord does not want a great life. He wants a willing, humble life. Oh, that each one of us might go forth as dauntless evangelists and do our little part in the building of His Kingdom!

C.E.

Y. P.
Seniors
Intermediates
Juniors

-- Tayeko Kitahata --

previews

A pleasant surprise(?) is in store for members of the V.P.C.E. tonight. A short business meeting will follow the activities of the evening.

More members are needed for this group, so all those above 21 years of age are invited to meet at the Church Library, 7:30 p.m.

A really different program has been planned for the Seniors tonight. Records of favorite hymns will be a part of the program with additional talent from the group.

Newcomers are cordially welcomed and all old members are urged to come out tonight.

Another interesting program has been prepared for the High School students' C.E. meeting tonight.

Don't forget to get together at 7:30 p.m. for an enjoyable evening.

"Quaker Night" is the theme of the Junior C. E. meeting tonight. George Takaoka has been secured as the special speaker for the program.

JOIN A C.E.!

Our speaker for the Morning Worship Service next Sunday will be Dr. Norman W. Taylor.

my prayer

If any little word of mine
May make a life the brighter,
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter,
God help me speak the little
word,

And take my bit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend's the fleeter;
If any little lift may ease
The burden of another -
God give me love, and care,
and strength,
To help my toiling brother.

-- Sel.

"The Hands of the Son of Man were toil-stained hands in honest labor. Then can I afford to march through Heaven's open door with hands that are not calloused by Christian service?"

-- Sel.

TESTIMONY

"Lead Kindly Light, amid the
encircling gloom--Lead Thou
me on..."

It has been a long time now since our arrival here in Postona small and insignificant place, but oh! how fruitful and what a real blessing it has proven to be to each one of us. We have all learned to walk closer to God and live such lives that others have actually seen Christ in us!

Now as I am ready to leave Poston, I realize the trials and temptations ahead of me. It's not going to be as easy as it was here in Poston and I realize what a great challenge this is going to be. But I pray earnestly that I might keep in mind how the Lord suffered for me and how He bought us with a price. Surely I can't have any room for backsliding after realizing that!

What an assurance to know that we really have a Father who careth for us and keeps watch over us... even when we are apart from our loved ones.

My one earnest desire is that as I launch out into a different world I might be a better worker for the Lord Jesus Christ! Please pray for me.

Yours in loving fellowship,
Sumi Kitahata.

"trust and obey"

The following is a testimonial excerpt from a letter written by David Arata to his brothers and sisters in the Lord of Poston.

"As for our trip here, it was uneventful except for one incident. At Ashfork, Ariz., a group of issei internees were brought into the cab in which we were riding, and to make room for them everyone in our cab was ordered to evacuate. Among those of us that had to move was an elderly man, who has three sons in the southwest Pacific, and who happened to be in Japan when the U.S. passed the Oriental Exclusion Act. He was mobbed when the Act was passed. This man was intoxicated with hate for the Japanese, and from his past encounters with the Japanese I think his hate was justifiable. He was a strong advocate of the "Jap is a Jap" policy, and favored all Japanese, whether citizen or alien, to be cast into the ocean with a lead weight tied to their necks. He furiously and vehemently expounded to us his hatred for the Japs, suspecting all the time we were Chinese or Indians (Poppo was mistaken a number of times as such). With all the soldiers curiously observing us, we. . . .

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C.E. NOTES

Y. P.

An impressive candlelight installation service was held for the new officers of the Y.P. The installed were Pres., Raiko Konatsu; V. Pres., Nobuko Mukai; Sec., Betty Taguchi.

Seniors

An inspirational evening was spent by the Seniors last Sunday when Miss Bertha Starkey spoke on her Christian friends in Japan. A special number was given by a vocal quartet composed of Velma Kurihara, Sumi Kitahata, David Kagiwada, and George Yamagata.

Intermediates

The High School group met with their new advisor, Miss Martha Hayes. An interesting discussion was held on the topic "Improvements on our C.E." The special feature for the evening was the newly formed High School Trio composed of Ritsu Konatsu, Dorothy Kushino, and Aiko Tashiro.

Juniors

The Juniors had an interesting discussion on questions from the Bible and on problems that face them in their everyday life.

Margaret Takahashi was chairman and also gave a piano solo.

were cringing with fright. Suddenly he asked us what nationality we were. Altho we felt like telling him we were Chinese or Koreans, we proudly told him we were Japs.

The next few moments were embarrassing, as you can imagine. This is where the Lord came in and saved the situation for us. At this time I thought it was appropriate to change the subject, so I pulled out some gospel tracts.... and started to preach to him.

After a while we all agreed that if this world could be molded after the brotherhood as taught by our Lord, there wouldn't be such things as wars and bloodshed. By the time we had to part with this gentleman, we were warm friends. He no longer thought all Japanese were sinister, his hatred for the Japanese had abated considerably--his conception of the nisei was entirely altered. This man was a native of Cleveland, and gave us very good references, which we used to our advantage after we arrived here."

David "Amen" Arata
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